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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 17, 1880.

Crookedness.

The Philadelphia Press, pretending to think that the only burthen upon it is to prove that Senator Bayard said at its accuracy.

If the Press had published this stenographic report when it was first notieven done so before it printed the letter of Conkling, Arthur, Boutwell and purchase of public supplies. Davis, which falsely declared that Senator Bayard had not to their knowledge denied that he had spoken as reported. it would have had a fair chance to convince the public that the pretended stenographic report was correct, and that Mr. Bayard was mistaken in his recollection. Then it could have claimed from the senator that he should, as he said he would, recede and take the sten-

ographer's notes instead of his memory. Now it can make no such claim, to have it conceded. It has, after being told by Mr. Bayard that he did not say what it declared that he said, delayed for one month the production of the stenographic report of his speech, which it claims that it then had, and which, as tractors. The penalty provided is dismisnow exhibited, is in the words of its original report. It did not furthermore the contracts. notify Mr. Bayard that it had such a stenographic report, showing his memory to be at fault. It did not notify its readers that Mr. Bayard disputed the in its columns, which falsely declared that Mr. Bayard had made no such de-

Manifestly the course of the Press has not been open and straightforward in this matter. It sorely needs to explain why it was so long silent about the pretended stenographic report, and about Mr. Bayard's denial, and so prompt to print what it knew to be a lie. Its declarations of its fairness and its disposition to deal justly with Mr. Bayard and the spirit of this undertaking.

Protestations alone will not sustain stitution was adopted. public confidence in the impartiality and fairness of a newspaper It is the sort of support that is often offered; but the of the Dominion Parliament, in Ottawa, support that is often offered; but the of the Dominion Parliament, in Ottawa, long as I know anything about it. They time contrive to long tase passports, and money to clerks, &c.—yet those two persons have been around Washington as long as I know anything about it. They time of the Third Section either go mad, public confidence in the impartiality and superstructure needs something in the yesterday, it is understood, a manifesto to probably know every clerk in the postoffice commit suicide, or die or delirium tremens works that is seen to sustain the words. In this case the Press has been so plainly condemning the policy of the government sinuous that crookedness may henceforth be suspected in its apparently and especially the extravagant price to be straightest walks : and this we say with paid und under the contract for comple- army came to Washington and one got the temporary history of any other European regret, for we had thought better of its tion of the road.

About Cigars.

The failure of the chief house engaged in the business of making cigars at Key West, Florida, leads the New York Tones to moralize on this fresh illustration of the old lable which relates the folly of the owner of the geose that laid the golden eggs, in killing it to get all the eggs at once. It is a good illustration of a folly that is being perpetually illustrated in the haste to get rich. Originally, Key West eigars were made of Havana tobacco by Havana workmen, who were taken over to Florida to manufacture a Havana eigar and save the duty on the imported article. The Key West cigar soon got a high reputation, and there was ready sale for all that could be made. Very soon they were adulterated; which possibly was the ultimate design when their manufacture was commenced. Our Lancaster county tobacco has for some time been sent to Florida to be made into Havana cigars, and if no worse tobacco had been sent the goose would still be laying salable eggs; for our tobacco makes a cigar which most people cannot distinguish from Havana. and which, in truth, is a great deal pleasanter to smoke than poor Havana Mo. tobacco, of which of late years there has been a great deal, owing to a succession of inferior crops. In fact the low repute of the Key West eigar may be owing as much to the poor Havana tobacco used the Westliche Post, and writing a book. as to the adulteration with native tobac-

The Times further complains of the greediness of the retail seller, who buys a cigar for thirty dollars a thousand to sell it at ten cents apiece: and it considers that this is a great injury to the manufacturing interest in limiting the sale of their product. This seems clear enough, but manufacturers do not see it, and even encourage retailers to charge extravagant profits. A popular brand of cigars that is sold by a manufacturer in this city at \$18.50 per M., by the case of 10,000, has upon the box lid " 10 cts., or three for 25 cts." It is as good a cigar as you are likely to buy on your travels for ten cents . and \$12 to \$16 a thousand, and retail away from home at five cents. These are certainly extravagant profits.

Postal Frauds.

The New York Times seems to have much more confidence in the integrity of the newspaper correspondents in Washington than in the honesty of the heads of departments in the postal service. For when both are assailed it rushes chivalrously and boidly to the dewith an evident enjoyment of the prospect that the requisite proof may be forthcoming. There have been so many rumors affecting the integrity of men high in the postal service at Washing-Times for an investigation. Tyner, of the devil." who seems to have grown rich as

well as gray in the service, made a desperate effort to have himself retained as assistant where he had been a chief, and it is suspected that he thought Key to be such a mole that there would be four years more good pickings under the Hayes administration. It is manifest that the postoffice bureau needs a purg-Dover just what it reported him to have | ing and Gen. Garfield will do well when said, now publishes what it declares to he changes the head of it to see to it that be a stenographic report of the portion there is a "shaking up" of the heads of of his speech in controversy, and sup- the various departments, to the end that plements it with the affidavits of a few the thieves may be smoked out and the their sons sought occupation for their Republicans who heard it, vouching for honest men vindicated from reigning scandals. When the heads of postal departments get to selling themselves for silk dresses they are as cheap as the Bull fied by Senator Bayard that he disputed Ring and Hog Ring politicians in Lanthe accuracy of his report; or if it had caster, who struggle for the chance to make such contemptible stakes in the

As Philadelphia has learned to her cost, public building commissions are very expensive and often very wasteful affairs; and the Philadelphia Econing Bultetin has done some good work in exposing him to sell out the government, his emtheir blunders and prodigality. What it says about the Norristown hospital commission, delegated by the Legislature, needs attention at the next session, and the public servants who were engaged in laws are to be revised at the treasury dethis work must be held to strict accountability.

MINOR TOPICS.

SENATOR PENDLETON has presented a bill prohibiting political assessments or contributions from office-holders and consal of the office-holder and annulment of

CAMPBELL, of the Wheeling Register, who antagonized and mimicked Conkling, thousand of dollars to us.' aims at the French mission. Some of correctness of the report. But it did Garfield's friends advise him to fly lower permit four men to publish a statement or he will miss everything. Give him the

> to sign his name about 369,000 times a year. Just at present he is more engaged than usual, as owing to the large pay-Sundays included.

GOVERNOR FARNHAM yesterday vetoed a all mankind are not sustained by its ex- bill passed by the Vermont Legislature, two clerks who had slipped to some unhibition in this case. It lays itself open to practically doing away with grand known creditors of yours and said: "We the suspicion of having set a trap for juries and giving the indicting power to the Mr. Bayard and with having concocted state attorney. The governor declares the standard of honesty in private business for standard of honesty in private business for a stenographic report to catch him in it. bill unconstitutional in depriving persons such clerks? Here, in the mail system, The disguise is thin and does not conceal of their right to trial according to the one Huntley swears against the othercommon law, in force when the state con- that he has incurred great expense in pay-

the people of Canada was adopted, strongly in relation to the Canadian Pacific railway, they went.

Considerable indignation was manitested on the part of Southern senators because Judge Woods, nominated to succeed Ohio man, and that to evade the charge of filling the bench with Ohioans Woods is credited to Georgia. There was emphatic compensation was raised. Many of the senator declared he would vote to reject Woods simply because he was credited to fight will be made against the confirmation of Woods on this account.

PERSONAL.

Mr. GLADSTONE has been visiting the Prince of Wales at Sandrigham, and, by sons at morning prayer.

Mr. THOMAS CARLYLE, who had just passed his eighty-fifth birthday, is feeble, yet in much better health than recent reports would indicate.

Lord Beaconsfield is recorded as saying once in the House of Commons that "Irish members were too much in the habits of clanking their chains."

Miss MAUDE GRANGER, the actress, who appeared in this city during the present season in the drama of "Two Nights in Rome," is very seriously ill at Hannibal,

Secretary SCHURZ will leave Washington in April, with his family, to settle perma- the spot about half-past 9 o'clock accomnently in St. Louis. He intends to divide his time between looking after his paper,

Miss HENRIETTA VADERS, the gifted tragic actress and leading lady of Thomas W. Keene's company which appears here the number of fifty arrived next Monday, was married in Baltimore the ground they found several hundred on Saturday last to Mr. Henry Thompson an actor in Cyril Searle's "Drink Combi-

nation." Postmaster General MAYNARD has discharged a son of General Armitage, a Tennessean and an ex-Confederate, from the postoffice department, in spite of the fact that young Armitage is a strong Republican. It is understood that Mr. Maynard was prompted by personal unfriendliness for Armitage, the elder.

Mile. Bernhardt narrowly escaped ac- and three of the policemen were sent to tual death during the death scene in " Ca- the hespital. The affair caused intense mille," at the Globe theatre, in Boston, on really better, as we have said, than a Wednesday night. She was lying on a poor Havana cigar, though it is wholly lounge near a mantel, on which were the lead to the destruction of property. At made of Lancaster county tobacco. The glasses supposed to contain her medicine, midnight matters had calmed down. cigars chiefly made here are sold at from when the mantel began to totter. Exclamations from the audience caused her quickly to leave her position, which she did an instant before the heavy mantel

crashed down upon the lounge. Rev. John Edgar, professor of Latin at Westminster college, New Wilmington, South America, and with his parents re- all awkward explanations about the vast death will be sincerly mourned.

Sunbury is excited over a quarrel beton, that when specific charges are made against them the public will readily M. L. Ross. In a sermon delivered on second the motion of so indu.

Sunday Mr. Ross is reported to have floors, the leaking sills and the various \$25,000 building. second the motion of 80 influ- Sunday Mr. Ross is reported to have ential a Republican paper as the Times for an investigation. Typer, and the warlows is reported to have other evidences of its cheap and costly "drunkards," "impostors" and "hounds" work. But all these things and a good

CIVIL SERVICE REPORM.

How Tenure of Office Operates in the Postal Service. New York Dispatch to Cincinnati Enquirer. The suit at Washington between C. C. Huntley and his cousin, Silas Huntley, mail contractors, is a small sign of the ancient rottenness in the whole mail contracting business. Mail contractors orig inally were stage proprietors, many of them from the New England states, who had been in the stage business from Boston to Albany and Boston to New York, and as the country expanded they and service. With the growth of the Far West and the detached mining camps, and the clamor raised by such small places for the full benefits of the mails as in older parts. men have gradually assembled around the postoffice department who know all the officials there, both great and minor, and who in many cases tampered with the annuel bids, so as to have the advantage of any newcomers.

Here see one of the evils of a longstanding civil service. I have almost invariably found that a man is in a government department two or three years before be makes the connections which tempt ployer. A large number of persons employed as clerks at Washington are con stantly on the lookout for some place where they can advise outside parties to sue the government. For example, the partment, and two or three men are detailed to proceed with the revision. They come to a place, perhaps, where they find that we have exacted from certain vessels tonnage dues, and the same had been willingly paid; but on comparing the laws it was perhaps found that there was suffitending some years back. Hereupon the clerks employed by the government put their heads together and say: "Let us start a scheme of recovering that money from the government, and it is worth

So, perhaps, a neighboring claim agent receives the suggestion and becomes the third partner. He proceeds, we may say, or he will miss everything. Give him the do the unconscious steamship companies and says: "For \$25,000 I will get back those duties you have paid." Hereupon the job widens, and New York jobbers and judges are let into the lobby, so as to influence the foreign affairs committee and so they all go down to Washington, and the little circle of corruption widens, and ments of the season, he has to sign 57,- at last they slip through Congress a bill 000 checks and warrants on maturing ob- and actually take out of the treasury of ligations between the 10th and 24th of this | the United States, through the instrumenmonth. This is an average of 4,000 a day, lask tality of the clerks whom the government has kept in office for years, some hundreds of thousands of dollars, and now are keeping up the job to get the interest.

Suppose you had in your employment ing everybody filling the bellies of gluttonous newspaper correspondents, lending them contrive to forge talse passports, and department. According to the thousands Their history, when the time comes for it declared to have been spent, they must to be studied and published, will disclose have sowed a little corruption wherever

Years ago two brothers in the Union other made an assistant postmaster gen- state. eral. The first stood on the outside to tap the contractors. The inside man knew all about the bids, and the outside man knew every mail jobber, and could raise up new ones. They both became rich, and one of Associate Justice Strong, is credited to them finally began to write to the railroad Georgia. They say Woods is really an companies throughout the country to take united action and threaten the government that on a certain day they would stop carrying the mails unless their talk about the Senate, and more than one companies did so act, and the whole business or this country might have been suspended but for the discovery of the printed circular of the man inside of the postoffice, Georgia The indications are that a strong who had taken his government salary for years only to admit robbers into its departments. Like all such God-forsaken men, they both came to grief, one being stricken with disease and wandering to a distant coast to die, and the other breathing his last under suspicions of suicide. While in Washington I saw incredibly the Prince's especial desire, read the less large signs of great plunder to begin as soon as Hayes goes out of office. The departments ought to be again weeded out at the beginning of the new administration; for, although they have been improved, several of them are as bad as they can be. General Garfield does not want to be disturbed within a few months of his inauguration by investigations. ---

TROUBLE AT THE 'VARSITY.

A Disgraceful Riot in which Students and Policemen Engage. Last night the sophomore class of the university of Pennsylvania had a cremation of old text books used by them during the past term. The cremation exercises occurred on the campus on the college grounds, and the students arrived on panied by an escort of thirty policemen, as it had been hinted during the day that the medical students would break up the exercises for an alleged affront given at their commencement last summer. When the sophomores to medical students gathered, who shouted and hooted at the sophomores. Several breaks in the rope which surrounded the cremationists were made, and then a policeman discharged his pistol. Tais was the cause of a general rush and the policemen were nearly overpowered. They then made an arrest and it led to the throwing of bricks, rotten eggs and other things, and several of the policemen were injured, one severely, by being struck on the head with a brick. Another claims to have been cut across the head with a knife by a student. Ten of the medical students were arrested excitement in West Philadelphia and the people in the neighborhood were fearful that the riot would become general and

Needs Investigation.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, Rep. The Norristown hospital commission wound up its inglorious career, yesterday, as far as its voluntary action is concerned by a final meeting, when it presented itself with its carefully figured report, demonstrated to itself the perfection of all its Lawrence county, died there on Wednes- work, highly applauded the manner day. He was born August 24, 1828, in in which it had been done, avoided moved Newberg, N. Y., where he studied amount of work which it undertook theology. After graduating at Union "completion" of a hospital which it so college, he was pastor of the U. P. ably argued to the last Legislature could fense of the press while it challenges church at Sterling Valley, N. Y. In not possibly be finished without \$179,000, further details of the official rascalities church at Sterning vaney, 10. It which the Legislature very properly did not give it. By adding on beds enough to Westminster college. Mr. Edgar was a gentleman of rare attainments and his cording to the plans for the unfintshed structure being nearly 8782. And it says nothing at all about the settling walls, the

HORRORS OF RUSSIAN EXILE. How Some of the Poor Victims Live Until Driven to Madness and to Death.

A writer in the London Standard says : straight to the police ward, where he is in- yesterday afternoon. Loss \$20,000. spected by the Ispravnik, a police officer who is absolute lord and master of the district. This representative of the government requires him to answer the following questions: His name? How old? Married or single? Where from? Addresss of parents, or relations, or friends? Answers to all which are entered in the books. A solemn written promise is then exacted of him that he will not give lessons of any kind, or try to teach any one; that every letter he writes will go through the Ispravnik's hands, and that he will follow no occupation except shoemaking, carpentering or field-labor. He is then told he is free !-but at the same time is solemnly warned that should be attempt to pass the limits of the town he shall be shot down like a dog rather than be allowed to escape, and should be be taken alive shall be sent off to Eastern Siberia without further formality than that of the ispravnik's personal order.

The poor fellow takes up his little bun-

dle, and, fully realizing that he has now bidden farewell to the culture and material comfort of his past life, he walks out into the cheerless street. A group of exiles, all N. Y.' pale and emaciated, are there to greet him, take him to some of their miserable lodgings, and feverishly demand news from home. The new-comer gazes on them as one in a dream, some are melancholy mad, others nervously irritable, and the remainder have evidently tried to find solace in drink. They live in communities of twos and threes, have food, a scanty provision of clothes, money, and books in common, and consider it their sacred duty to help cient ground for those vessels to rake up a each other in every emergency, without claim for the return of their money, ex- distinction of sex, rank or age. The noble by birth get sixteen shillings a month from the government for their maintenance and commoners only ten, although many of them are married, and sent into exile with young families. Daily a gendarme visits their lodgings, inspects the premises when and how he pleases, and now and then makes some mysterious entry in his note-book. Should any of their number carry a warm dinner, a pair of newly-mended boots, or a change of linen to some passing exile lodged for the moment in the police ward, it is just as likely as not marked against him as a crime. It is a crime to come and see a friend off, or accompany him a little on the way. In fact should the Ispravnik feel out of sorts-the effects of cards or drink-he vents his bad temper on the exiles: and as cards and drink are the favorite amusements in these dreary regions crimes are marked down against the exiles in astonishing numbers, and a report of them sent regularly to the governor of the province. Winter lasts eight months, a period dur-

ing which the surrounding country presents the appearance of a noiseless, lifeless, frozen marsh-no roads, no communication with the outer world, no means of escape. In course of time almost every individual exile is attacked by nervous convulsions, followed by prolonged apathy and prostration. They begin to quarrel, and even to hate each other. Some of a terrible tale of human suffering and administerial evils and shortcomings not likely to find their equivalent in the con-

Thieves in the Postal Department. New York Times, Rep.

Mr. S. S. Huntly, who has already figured somewhat prominently, and not always creditably, as a contractor for carrying the United States mails in the far West. again finds his way into the newspapers. This time he has had a quarrel with his cousin and business partner about the law, he seeks to justify his demands upon the exchequer of the firm by a statement of his expenditures as a lobbyist in Washington. Among other things of the same sort, he alleges that he has from time to time, in order to have the prices paid for mail service increased, found it necessary to buy silk dresses, watches, and other presents for the wives of heads of departments and of clerks. Still further, he declares that he has, "to keep the press quiet," been obliged to buy dinners for its representatives in Washington, and that these repasts have cost him sums varying from \$10 to \$50 apiece. It is a pity that so shrewd a gentleman as Mr. Huntly could not have found better use for his money. The dresses and watches may possibly not have been thrown away, but the dinners were certainly not placed "where they would do the most good." It is very safe to say that Mr. Huntly has never entertained at dinner or otherwise any of the reputable newspaper correspondents at Washington. Those who may have accepted his hospitalities are doubtless of a class who could do him and the postal ring neither good nor harm. He should have been more specific in his statements. Let him name the newspaper representatives, heads of departments, clerks and congressmen who are indebted to him for dinners, silk dresses and gold watches.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Ellen Mararity, an Englishwoman, 111 years old, died in New York yesterday. Stone's planing mill at Newport, Ky., was burned to the ground at noon yester-

day. The loss is \$10,000. William Whitney, of New Albeny, was killed yesterday by a train, near Scotch Farms, New Jersey.

Jane Robertson, a domestic, perished by the burning of a dwelling in Tabusintoc, New Brunswick, yesterday morning. Boston yesterday, on the charge of drown- assigned to John E. Faunce. ing Michael Kuse, last Monday night. Samuel Cunningham, a freight, con-

ductor, was killed by falling between two cars yesterdry, at Chattanooga. "Abandoned at sea and rudderless" is the report that cable brings of the British

ship City of Montreal.

San Francisco's board of trade has congratulated Admiral Ammen on the favorable outlook for the Nicaraguan canal. Cape Town dispatches to London say that the Basutos were repulsed at Dordrecht on the 10th instant with great loss. A Vienna dispatch says: "The lower house of the Reichsrath has agreed to the

proposed governmental loan of 13,500,000 The work of substituting steel for wood in the Niagara Falls bridge has been completed. Not a train was stopped during the change.

Gantz & Kemble's saw mill, at Millers burg, was burned on Wednesday night. It had just resumed operations, after having been idle for some time. The dwelling of Antonio Tucker, colored.

in Prince George county, Virginia, was burned on Wednesday, and his two children perished in the flames. Joseph Vanderslice, aged 75 years, of Phoenixville, was killed while walking on the railroad track near that place yester-

It has been agreed by the Senate com-mittee on public buildings to replace the \$25,000 building.

The Democrats of the Third congressional district of New Hampshire yester-day nominated Colonel J. B. Hasley, of officers in the court house.

records accounts, &c., of the several county on the walls of Westminster, lay stiffened in the cold grasp of death by the merciless drep are also ill of the same discount. many others of equal interest may possibly day nominated Colonel J. B. Hasley, of officers in the court house.

West Lebanon, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Farr,

The house of George Hammoud, near Middleburg, Vermont, one of the finest On his arrival the prisoner is driven farm houses in that section, was burned Lewis C. Tollette was committed in default of \$10,000 bail, at Wakefield, Mas-

sachusetts, yesterday, to answer the charge of causing the death of Rebecca Long, by malpractice. The suit, long pending, of Westinghouse vs. Eames, of Watertown, New York, for alleged infringement of air brake patents,

has been abandoned, Westinghouse paying the costs. While men were taking down a house at St. Henri, Quebec, yesterday, the whole structure fell upon them. A workman named Taylor was killed, and several

others were injured, one severely. Edward Kennedy, who killed Mrs. Nelie Stokes in Brooklyn last week, and who called up for sentence yesterday. In his

trial the defense will be insanity. While laborers were cutting ice on the canal at Port Jervis, New York, yesterday, they found the body of a man frozen fast to the under surface of the ice. A letter was found upon him addressed to will to act the dictates of conscience, con-'Morris O.Sullivan, Soldiers' Home, Bath,

According to the official returns the population of Maine is 648,945. Of this number 324,084 are males and 324,861 are females; 590,067 are native and 58,860 are foreign born; 646,904 are white and 2,042 to usurp supreme control; and the baser

Charles D. House, a New York veterinary surgeon, in the New York supreme lamages against the proprietors of the Turf. Field and Farm newspaper for having called him a quack.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad in Richmond, Va., yesterday, it was reported that the carnings of the road for the past fiscal year, were \$2,514,245, and the operating expenses \$1,945,018.

Ole Yaung, a Chinese laundryman at No. 44 North Clark street, Chicago, died by swallowing poison. He was a noted gambler and opium eater. The cause of his suicide is said to have been financial losses tyrs, the roadside meeting of the Pupil of incurred through indulgence in the American game of "draw poker."

The office safe of E. & A. Friedman, suspended tobacco dealers, in St. Louis, potism, proclaimed the only potentate, and was broken open yesterday, under orders through much tribulation heroically adfrom the sheriff, but the books and papers vanced the banner of the cross. The unof the firm for this year and last could not holy deeds of princes and monarchs seekbe found. The firm's liabilities are esti-mated at nearly \$70,000, all in New York. of history; and their own sad ends, volun-It is now known that three lives were | tary or involuntary, verify the dominant lost by the fire in the National hotel in power of right and conscience. In the Olean. Mrs. Osbourne, wite of the proprietor, and two little daughters, aged seven and two, were unable to escape from the flames and were burned to death. It was rumored that other bodies had been found, but the rumor was not verified. Six buildings in all were destroyed; loss, \$30,000. The fire started, as previously reported, by the bursting of a lamp in the

STATE ITEMS.

The Pennsylvania railroad company built eighty-four locomotives at its shops in Al-T. F. Singiser, of Pennsylvania, has

been nominated to the Senate for secretary of Idaho.

second story of the hotel.

Representatives Bingham and O'Neill yesterday presented to William A. Wheeler John L. Lawson, of Philadelphia, who delivered the electoral vote of Pennsylvania. It was the eighteenth state eard from.

Governor Hoyt has issued a proclamation announcing the payment, cancellation, extinguishment and final discharge of \$628,679.21 of the principal of the public debt of this commonwealth during the

Charles Franklin, of Belletield, Allegheny county, about the middle of last division of the spoils, and having gone to month swallowed an ordinary soup bean, which lodged in the left lung and terminated fatally in a convulsive fit of coughing

yesterday. · In Titusville, the residence of John D. Archibald, president of the Acme oil company, was skinned by a sneak thief while the family were in the house. A valuable gold watch and chain belonging to Mr. Archibald's mother, a diamond ring and three other rings in a front bed-room up stairs, and a \$250 sealskin sacque hanging in the hallway below were taken. The latter belonged to Mrs. H. P. Chamber-

tain. The whole loss is \$700. The Christian Advocate thus admonishes the mayor of Pittsburgh: "How many unlicensed whisky dens are there in the city? How many houses of prostitution? Are they not all known to his honor and the police force? Why are they not closed? Why are not the alleys of pollution purged? The law carried out will do it, and he is the head of the municipality and sworn to execute the laws. A little more sensitiveness upon the part of officials as to the inviolability of oaths would be healthful for public virtue."

Antonio Portuondo, of Philadelphia, is the son of the late Juan Francisco Portuondo, a citizen of Philadelphia, who in February, 1870, was seized and illegally put to death by the Cuban authorities at Santiago, in Cuba. At the time of his father's death the plaintiff was fifteen years old, and his uncle, Jose N. Portuondo, was appointed his guardian. In 1873, the son, through his guardian sued the Spanish government before the commission on claims at Washington, to recover damages for the death of his father, and on May 21, 1879, the plaintiff was awarded \$60,000, which the Spanish government subsequently paid to the state department nt Washington. He paid his lawvers \$9,000 of the fund, and now the ward has restrained the payment of \$12,-000 more out of the fund which he says John Deamy was held in \$5,000 bail, at his guardian has secretly and fraudulently

The Women Suffragists.

In the American Women Suffrage association yesterday, encouraging reports were received from seventeen state societies. Resolutions were adopted asking state legis. lation granting suffrage to women in presidential elections under the provisions of article 2, section 2 of the federal constitution. A resolution was also adopted commemorating the services of Lucretia Mott, Lydia Maria Child and Nathaniel White. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Mary A. Thomas, of Indiana; Chairman of the Executive Committee, Lucy Stone.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCILS.

Proposed Improvement of the Water De-At a meeting of the water committee neld last evening it was determined to rejuest the presidents of councils to call a special meeting on Tuesday evening next to consider the water question. It is understood that an ordinance will be introduced at the special meeting providing for a popular vote of the citizens on a proposition to create a loan of \$60,000 to improve the water supply of the city by the the laying of larger mains in other parts of the city.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

" THE PENALTY OF GREATNESS." Senior Oration O. J. H. Swift, F. & M. Col.

While man's physical inferiority and subordination to external powers and universal law is established by human science, yet there is revealed in him a potent incorporeal essence which proves him infinitely greater than the wole world of surrounding forces. Each individual is created with a special spiritual nature, a conscience to discern right from wrong, a will free to act in pursuit of either, and certain possibilities which he is to realize in their highest state of development. And then to ac complish this, the ideal of his being, constitutes the one grand aim and mission of his life. But through his connection with a disorganizing spiritual power, the actions and impulses of man become tainted; and in his endeavor toward self-perfection pleaded guilty, withdrew his plea when he meets continually an ing force in his own nature and in his immediate relations. On becoming conscious of the possibilities lodged within him he feels the presence of these two hostile powers; and would he realize the ideal devolopement, he must force the tend against the opposing force, overcome it, and in this struggle pay the penalty of his inherent weakness. In endeavoring to accomplish this devepement, multiform passions arise, opposing interests and aims spring into prominence and struggle elements of his nature, leagued with the opposing hostile forces, bring on a conflict which no tongue or pen with the combined court yesterday obtained a verdict of \$1,000 genius of ages can portray. Counter passions provoked, mistakes and crimes occur involving misfortunes of various kinds which often culminate in a final catastro-

phe. The consequence of the actions re-

coil on the actor, eternal justice enters

to restore the broken harmony, and the

principles of right stand revealed in full

glory.

Illustrious characters of all ages, introducing new revolutions in human pursuits and human governments, have been attended by what may be indeed heaven's own great ordinance. Through the silent acquiescence and forbearance of the mar-Gamaliel and the Babe of Bethlehem became an actual possibility. Reformers and old church fathers, amid tyranny and desrush of waters that submerged a world, and the roar of flames that laid Sodom in ashes, the same vindictive power of a retributive justice is manifest, only in a higher and a truer sense. On the shores strewn with dead, beside a sea which opened its gates for the escape of Israel and closed them on Egypt, burying king and bannered hosts beneath its whirling waves, Moses and Miriam sang a triumphal song. The magnificence of Babylon, its haughty wealth, its luxury, pomp and architectural splendor, are only mere shadows of the same spirit which brought upon it an awful judgment. In the deep, decided, individuality of every oriental wondermaking nation, slumbered the power that crumbled its own foundations, and sent the star of empire whirling towards the west. They rose, flourished, and fell. Magnificent ruins are all that remain of their former grandeur. They paid the penalty of their greatness, passed from the

world's stage of action, and now rest in the silent dust-covered tomb of oblivion. He who ventures forth on the sea of inquiry into the reasons of all human things, will billows, and find that it has surging cliffs and shoals, and that only through nights and days of cloud and storm is the haven to be reached. And when he has gained a plane of thought above his fellow-creatures, he feels "the whips and scorns of time, the oppressor's wrong and proud man's contumely," and finds the seeds of ruin are sown in the very birth of nis greatness. Actuated by passionate ambition he glides forth into the atmosphere of glory with a strong personality, which bears a record of the result of past actions and aids him in determining new ones; but "high-blown pride" carries him far beyond his height, and the air-forms that kept him aloft vanish at last, and "weary and old with service" he sinks, and amid pangs and agonies "feels his heart

"Oh, Cromwell! Cromwell! had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, He would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies!"

Side by side with his higher achievements we find sorrow, trials, inward conflicts, an inner life giving pain to conteract the joy of success, and stripped of the pomp and pride of power, we may find the individual gaunt, haggard and half con sumed with burning anxiety. The higher the order of genius, the rarer the talent, the more colossal the possibilities, the more susceptible to the tempter and the more liable to destruction. The acute, nervous, sensitive temperament which characterizes statesmanship is attended by a mysterious fatality that often culminates in a tragic end. Hero after hero, receiving retribution at the hands an offended Deity, marks the progress of anarchy and self-aggrandizement from the Teutobergian Forest to the Roman Senate-where many mighty conquests, many glorious triumphs, circling the world's proudest conquerer, were brought "low" by Casca's stroke, and Rome began her downfall. The little germ of immortal life sown deep in the stony heart of that magnificent and corrupt empire, against which other tribes had broken their strength, sprang up and became the true tree of life to younger nations of Jehovah. We turn from contemplating the exile's gigantic powers, the vastness of his designs, the boldness of their execution, and the slaughter-fields of his ambition, to

witness his burning torture on Helena's lonely isle: and we find that his towering intellect and lofty ambition added a twofold force to the consuming pangs of disappointment.

The atmosphere saturated with the unwholesome breathings of treason that so lately enveloped our own beloved country, whispers a like sad story. With calm resolution and earnest determination when not the faintest flicker of a star could be seen penetrating the political storm-cloud. our standard bearer took up the cause of 'emancipation," to sanctify our constitution and realize the nobler sentiments of American liberty and independence. You who were living remember well the four years of desolation and ruinous destruction. And when peace began to dawn through the cannon's smoke, how the bells rang out their merry peals, how the wild huzzas of an overjoyed people mingled with the clear strains of national airs of Norristown, permanent chairman. as martial and civic bands joined in the Among the nominations for vice presicelebration of the coming event. And our dents was James H. Marshall, of this city. flag "with her beautious stripes the azure H. F. Ferber, of Scranton, and Jere Carl, field of our country's ensign," once dis. of York, were chosen. graced within the walls of Sumter, was The president appointed a committee of raised, amid honor and rejoicing proudly seven to frame a constitution and by-laws.

over a nation reclaimed from rebellion. But Alderman J. K. Barr of this city is a mempurchase of a 6,000,000 gallon pumping ap- the very echo seemed the moan of dispair. ber of that committee. paratus, the extension of the 20-inch water | The bells groaned forth the sorrowful main along Orange street from Lime, its knell of mourning, the sombre drapery of present terminus, west to Charlotte, and grief bedecked public and private halls, one deep and impenetrable gloom settled thick and fast upon all loyal hearts of a Annual Inspection.

The judges of our courts are to-day the people the divinity of its birthright, making their annual inspection of the equally illustrious with any name carved

hand of an assassin. And as the cloud rolled over each heart, victory seemed of trivial value, triumph empty, and success

but a meeking phantom. There is always a danger or fatality attending greatness which often involves more than a single individual. Yet he who sits in sweet humility at the feet of Jesus and listens in reverential awe to the story of the Cross, is the truly great, and his trials and sorrows of this world will eventually blend into an internal peace. Ah, yes, through all this chaotic ruin, through this transient world swathed in the records of its own past glory, speaking to us through all things visible and invisible, comes the glad tidings-" peace, good will toward man." Never did angels leave the gates of heaven so fast behind them, pass sun and stars in their downward flight on such rapid wing, as when they hasted to earth with the "glad tiding of great joy." The eighteen hundred years are but a link in the far-reaching past burying the lost history of illustrious lives in the dark sea of forgetfulness. And sphinx seeming to hide beneath mute lips answer to riddle never solved, crumbles in the dust; and in one harmonious blending, one fealful warning, all history and all nature speak of the "Divinity that shapes our ends.

THE STUDENTS' "STUDENT,"

The New College Journal. The January number of the College Stu-

dent, a new paper just established at Frank-lin & Marshall college, is to make its appearance this evening and will be ready for general circulation to-morrow and for canrassing for subscriptions by the college boys during their approaching Christmas vacation. The Student is published under the joint adspices of the societies and all its business editorial mangement is delegated to a committee of six, equally divided between the three higher class and between the two literary societies. Messrs. E. L. Kemp and F. E. Bucher, of the senior class, are editors-in-chief; Mr. W. H. Rauch, local editor; Mr. Porterfield, per-

sonal editor: Mr. Bauman, business man-

ager, and Mr. Stahl, assistant business This efficient organization has brought out a highly creditable paper, containing sixteen pages of closely printed reading matter with an advertising supplement of four additional pages. The Stadent aims to faithfully represent the inner life of the college, to bring the institution to public attention and keep them fixed therein, and to bind the interest of the alumni to their alma mater. In the elaboration of this plan the present initial issue has well written and timely contributions from several members of the faculty justifying and encouraging its publication: original literary articles, poetical translations, and reminiscences of college life indicating the classical culture of the institution. The editorial and local departments are crisp, comprehensive and carefully edited. The alumni department is remarkably complete in its budget of personal information, and what little remains of the Students space for selected matter is occupied with literary and educational items befitting a journal of this

MAN'S INHUMANITY.

Complaint is made that certain committing magistrates send to jail prisoners who are not only seriously ill and require careful hospital nursing, but some who are actually in a dying condition. An old man named Lawrence Dasher, 70 years of age, was picked up in a dying condition, and committed by a country magistrate as a vagrant. When taken to the jail he was utterly unable to walk and had to be carried to "Bummers' Hall" by the constable who had him in charge. As soon as Keeper Weise ascertained the old man's condition, he had him removed from "Bummers' Hall" to the prison hospital where he was given medical attendance and made as comfortable as possible, but he was actually in a dving condition when committed to jail, anddeath soon relieved him from his suffer

Another case is mentioned in which a prisoner was found in an insensible conlition in Bummers' Hall, and died soon after of congestion of the brain-having fallen or been struck on the head before his commitment, and being almost insen sible when committed.

Another ease is mentioned in which a man suffering from delirium occasioned by typhoid fever was committed for "disorderly conduct." He was thrown into "Bummas Hall" and would probably have died there had not the keeper discovered his condition and had him removed to the prison hospital for treatment, where under careful nursing he is recovering from his illness.

When a prisoner is committed for vagrancy, disorderly conduct or similar offences, it is no part of the keeper's duty to examine into the condition of their health; it is taken for gran.ed that no magisfrate would commit to jail a dying man or one palpably in need of medical attendance; and yet we are assured that it is no uncommon thing for them to do Whenever a prisoner is known to be sick, he is properly cared for in the prison hospital, but the conveniences there are not sufficient to accommodate a great many patients. When vagrants or disorderlies become sick the usual course is that the prison solicitor takes them before the court on a writ of habeas corpus with a view to their discharge from prison, so that they may be admitted to the county hospita!. This, of course, cannot be done with prisoners who have been sentenced by the court to a specified term of impris onment. Our present object is to call attention to the fact that in not a few cases sick men are arrested and committed to jail as disorderlies or vagrants and thrust into Bumme s' Hall, when of right they should be receiving careful nursing and medical attendance. Let careless magistrates and constables make a note of it.

THE FIREMEN,

Their Convention at Reading.

The state convention of firemen met last evening in the Grand opera house, Reading. The delegates present from this city were : Sun, Jacob Gable ; Empire, A. S. Edwards : American, J. K. Barr ; Humane. Walter M. Franklin; Shiffler, P. S. Goodman; Washington, James II. Marshall. One hundred and thirty-one delegates were present at the organization. Speeches were made by Mayor Tyson and John Flemming, president of the Firemen's Union of Reading, and were responded to by Wm. J. Fordney, chief of the fire department of this city.

A. M. Rhoads, of the Empire hook and ladder company of Carlisle, was elected temporary chairman, and Henry A. Derr,

The convention adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

Died of Scarlet Fever. Margie Glover Jenkins, daughter of William H. Jenkins, esq., of Camden, and grand-daughter of Thomas Baumgardner. of this city, aged 19 months, died on Weddren are also ill of the same disease.